

Marshall County Health Department

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H1N1 Update

PLYMOUTH, Ind. – The Marshall County Health Department is hosting an H1N1 vaccination clinic at Washington Elementary School. The clinic will target ages 6 months to 18 years old and other CDC target groups. A mix of flu mist and shots are available.

The H1N1 clinic is scheduled for Thursday, December 3 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Washington Elementary School, Plymouth. To accommodate school bus traffic, people are asked to wait until 3:30 p.m. before arriving. Parents need to be present for elementary students and younger.

CDC target groups

- **Pregnant women** because they are at higher risk of complications and can potentially provide protection to infants who cannot be vaccinated;
- **Household contacts and caregivers for children younger than 6 months of age** because younger infants are at higher risk of influenza-related complications and cannot be vaccinated. Vaccination of those in close contact with infants less than 6 months old might help protect infants by “cocooning” them from the virus;
- **Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel** because infections among healthcare workers have been reported and this can be a potential source of infection for vulnerable patients. Also, increased absenteeism in this population could reduce healthcare system capacity;
- **All people from 6 months through 24 years of age**
 - **Children from 6 months through 18 years of age** because we have seen many cases of novel H1N1 influenza in children and they are in close contact with each other in school and day care settings, which increases the likelihood of disease spread, and
 - **Young adults 19 through 24 years of age** because we have seen many cases of novel H1N1 influenza in these healthy young adults and they often live, work, and study in close proximity, and they are a frequently mobile population; and,
- **Persons aged 25 through 64 years who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza.**